

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 228

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Colonel William Edward Wynns; Tennessee National Guard. Retired, of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned the passing of Colonel William Edward Wynns, Tennessee National Guard, Retired; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Lebanon since 1975, Colonel Wynns was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wynns bravely served in the United States Army and Tennessee Army National Guard for a total of thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, he served with courage and conviction and achieved the esteemed ranks of Colonel and Chief of Staff of the Tennessee National Guard, in which positions he earned the respect of the soldiers under his command for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, due to his calm demeanor, William Wynns had earned the nickname, Cooley; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wynns also donated his considerable talents and time to the athletic program at Friendship Christian School as a fundraiser and further contributed to high school athletics as an official at TSSAA football games; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded man who was committed to benefiting his community, William Wynns was a prominent member of the prestigious Vanleer Mason Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wynns was an active and devout member of the Bethlehem United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an adult Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wynns was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Wynns enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife, Patsy; he was the proud father of four sons, the beaming grandfather of seven grandchildren, and the great-grandfather of seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, William Edward Wynns leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Marshal Ward and Lucille Adkins Wynns, he was preceded in death by his son, Mickey Edward Lewis; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by his wife, Patsy; his sons, Frank Lewis and his wife, Carol, Dorsey Laine Lewis and his wife, Suzy May, and William "Bamm" Wynns and his wife, Dianna; his brother, Marshal and his wife, Wanda; his daughter-in-law, Judy Lewis; his grandchildren, Kristi, Chad, Stacey, Mickey, John, Tyler, and Kristen; and his great-grandchildren, Tristan, Shelby, Sarena, Will, Emily, Landon, and Kaitlyn; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Colonel William Edward Wynns, Tennessee National Guard, Retired, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our heartfelt sympathy and offer our deepest condolences to the family of Colonel Wynns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.